

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/709,796	Applicant(s) SLIVKA ET AL.	
	Examiner MARY HOFFMAN	Art Unit 3733	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) MARY HOFFMAN. (3)_____.

(2) LISA ADAMS. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 27 March 2009.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 21.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 2005/0171537 to Mazel et al., US 5,620,443 to Gertzbein et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner contacted Applicant's representative to inform her that new prior art was found during the updated search (US 2005/0171537 to Mazel et al., US 5,620,443 to Gertzbein et al.). The examiner also indicated that she would be doing a 103(a) rejection using the Assaker et al. reference (US 7,008,423) cited in the previous office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Mary C. Hoffman/
Examiner, Art Unit 3733